GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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ABUSE OF CHILDREN IN INDIA
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government have been drawn to the news-item captioned "Concern over abuse of Childrenin India" published in the Times of India dated 23 December, 2002;

(b) if so, facts and reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government are considering to bring in a legislation to deal with such cases of child abuse;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JAS KAUR MEENA)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The news item is based on India's First Periodic Report, 2001 on Convention on the Rights of Child.

(c),(d)&(e) The entire issue of revamping criminal justice system including changes in criminal laws to deal with abuse of children is being addressed by the Committee set up under the Chairmanship of Dr. (Justice) Malimath.